

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A polymeric foam tube for pipe insulations, comprising:
an external surface; and
an internal surface being provided with an adhesively bonded additional layer,
said additional layer being a layer of fibers which:
 - comprise a material having a melt temperature that is higher than that of the polymeric foam,
 - are adhesively bonded to the internal surface such as to stand up from the internal surface,
 - are substantially uniformly distributed over the internal surface providing a surface coverage of 2 to 20 percent, and
 - have a linear density of 0.5 to 25 dtex and a length of 0.2 to 5 mm.
2. (Previously Presented) A polymeric foam tube according to claim 1, wherein the fibers extend substantially in a radial direction from the internal surface.
3. (Previously Presented) A polymeric foam tube according to claim 1, wherein the fibers are polymeric fibers.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The tube of claim 1 wherein said surface coverage is 4 to 10 percent.

6. (Cancelled)